JCBOE Meeting Notes 4.21.26

General updates

- 1 public comment, student Karl Ferm (SDC) addressed concern that BOE Chair suggested WCU students are not regular citizens of Jackson County.
- High turnout likely during midterm early voting, 60+ percent of the voters. Research from Dr. Cooper and elections center.
- I voted sticker contest with 250th birthday committee youth K-8 stickers! ☺
- NCSBE voted to move forward with SAVE database.
    - Looking to start making steps towards this in May – training, tool integration.
    - Process will have to be done by November. Higher burden on local BOEs.
    - Recommends directing people to state FAQ right now.
- "We do not have voter ID in this state because religious exemption" (Bill)
    - Expressed concern about approved IDs list such as WCU and county IDs approved for '25-'26 (Wes)
    - Amanda noted IDs already approved by current standards
    - Wes questioned if the standard has changed and if the list needs updating, such as having a CatCard and not being a citizen (international student).
    - They want to push the state board for this (Wes + Bill).

Voting plan discussion - WCU

- Amanda reached out to county attorney to draft contract, good faith effort.
- Include: dates/time/hours, specifics on signs, parking
- Bill concerned about "do not enter" signs "you have to have a PhD to understand it"
    - Wants us to move or cover these "do not enter" signs.
    - Jay and Wes noted that this is not actually that confusing but would also like to move/cover the "do not enter" signs just in case.
- Jay and Wes are excited about the site. Want the staff/closest spots possible.
- Roy asked if contract could include tables/chairs too. Prefers rectangular tables, not round tables.
- Board will not vote until everything is in writing and signed.

Other notes

- Next meeting (aim to have agreements done, will not vote without agreement): Wednesday, May 13th at 10:00 am. Recruitment & voting site on agenda.